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Property bust? Lunar land prices are rocketing



RP hike in US military aid depends on rights cases

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS
Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Weary feet, happy faces

GMA revokes land-use conversion of Sumilao estate



A DAY AFTER TWICE meeting with the Sumilao farmers, President Macapagal-Arroyo took what her officials described as "the first step toward the return" of the land they are claiming.

Church to monitor farmers' case all the way



'Gov't tool,' censors body accused over films X rating

Witness tells court UP coed chained to bed

Hard part begins: 4-step process takes many months

2 METRO BOMBINGS

Batasan blast claims life of sixth victim

PNP postpones release of Glorietta 2 blast report

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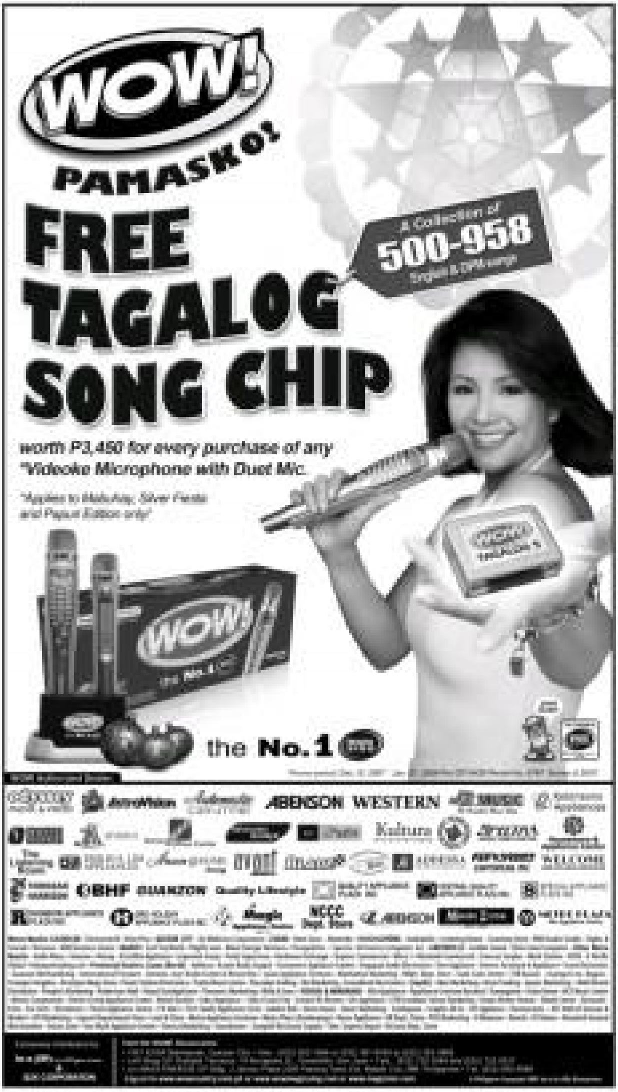
EZ2 SIX DIGIT SUERTRES 6/42 LUZON/VIS-MIN

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Gonzalez gags Jalosjos, other cons

Order triggered by child rapist's claim he's a free man; not a prisoner

BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSION OVER THE RElease of convicted child rapist Romeo Jalosjos and the latter's threat to sue government over the reversal, media interviews with all inmates and prisoners will now have to be cleared with Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.



Gonzalez, Reyes face bypass anew

THE CABINET APPOINTMENTS of Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez and Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes are unlikely to be confirmed by the Commission on Appointments (CA) this year.

WHAT'S INSIDE



TAYLOR HICKS at the Hard Rock Cafe yesterday: "I'm not into competing anymore."

American Idol Taylor Hicks is here

By Fran Katigbak
Lifestyle

TAYLOR HICKS, winner of "American Idol" Season 5, goes from manic performer to subdued balladeer?

The salt-and-pepper-haired singer-songwriter charmed fans of the hugely popular reality talent search in 2006 with his raspy, soulful voice. But his signature dance moves were similarly criticized by judge Simon Cowell, who repeatedly said Hicks was "performing like he's drunk."

Yesterday afternoon, in a crisp white shirt, black jacket, denim jeans and alligator-skin boots, Hicks made a smooth entrance, playing the blues on his harmonica, when he turned up to meet local media at the Hard Rock Cafe.

The first "American Idol" champ to visit the country (finalists Constantine Maroulis and Elliot Yamin were previous Manila visitors), Hicks, a native of Alabama, is here for a series of shows sponsored by the Ayala Malls.

"I heard from friends of mine that this is the place to come if you want to sing and perform music," said Hicks, 31. It was Fil-Am Joel "Sweep" Peralta, a fellow Alabaman, who first told him about the Philippines, he added.

Inspiration

The self-taught musician said his biggest inspiration was Ray Charles. And so, he said, he was honored to sing "The Right Place," originally written for Charles, in his self-titled album that [illegible] this month.

"Life after 'American Idol' has been like doing [illegible]," said Hicks. "I can't go out without bodyguards."

On the bright side, "I get to travel to play my music, and collaborate with some really great artists."

His triumph on "Idol" brought him a record deal with Clive Davis and 19 Recordings/Arista Records.

Asked if he feels pressured to surpass the achievements of previous "Idols," Hicks replied: "I'm not into competing [anymore]—I'm into performing music and gaining new fans."

Hicks will be at the Greenbelt 3 Park tonight at 6 and at the [illegible] Activity Center tomorrow, 7 p.m.

Corrections

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MAGDALO TRIAL

Mutineers want judge out

By DJ Yap and Leila B. Salaverria

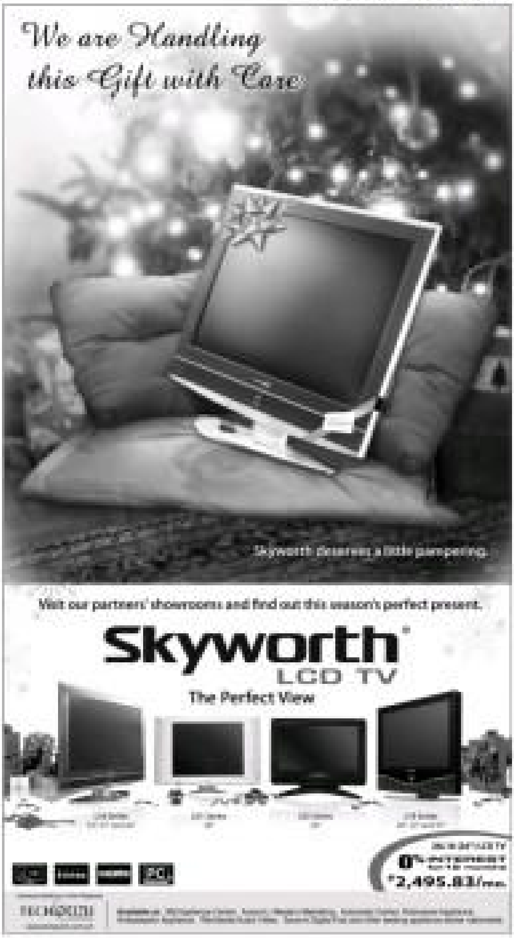
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These kids want their parents for Christmas

By TJ Burgonio

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GMA wants truce reviewed

The Daily Gospel



WOMAN IN CHARGE. President Arroyo looks like she's on top of whatever it is Finance Secretary Margarito Teves is calling her before the start of the National Economic and Development Authority meeting in the Palace on Tuesday.

RP hike in US ...

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GIVE LOVE!
HOLIDAY 2007
A lot to love at Robinsons
Department Store
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Department Store

'Gov't tool,' censors body accused over X rating



THE FILM got an X rating for its alleged "tendency to incite rebellion and sedition."

Not fit for public viewing

Chair's position: Black prop

Link to Marcos regime

Second review

Witness testifies in court UP coed chained to bed



HAVE YOU SEEN HER? Karen Empeño is one of two UP students missing since June 26, 2006.



ALSO MISSING and abducted on the same day as Empeño is Sherlyn Cadapan.

They talked freely

Captives moved around

Jonas Burgos case



THE MANALO BROTHERS testify at an amparo hearing on Tuesday for the missing UP students.

PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION and PHILIPPINE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Position Paper on Cheap Medicine Bills in Senate and Congress

The primary objective of Senate Bill No. 1658 and House Bill 2844 is to ensure availability of medicines at low or affordable cost.

We, the Philippine Medical Association (PMA) and the Philippine Dental Association (PDA), fully endorse measures to reduce medicine prices. ***We strongly support Senate Bill No. 1658 and House Bill No. 2844 in so far as amending the Intellectual Property Code RA 8293 is concerned. We, however, object to the provision of Sec. 29 of HB 2844 Amending Section 6 of RA 6675 otherwise known as the Generics Act of 1988.*** This amendment removes the physicians' and dentists' prerogative and discretion to include the brand name of drugs in their prescription.

The PMA and PDA believe that a necessary component in delivering an adequate Health Care System is the fiduciary doctor-patient relationship. Guided by the Hippocratic Oath, physicians and dentists utilize all their technical knowledge, skills, and expertise to give the best to their patients. They are likewise accountable for all their professional acts to their patients, peers, medical organizations, and to the State. Only physicians and dentists are empowered by the State to perform this awesome task and responsibility.

The proposed amendment to the Generics Act relegates the physicians' and dentists' task and responsibility to the drugstore salesperson. This puts the patients' and general public's health at a great risk, unnecessarily.

Drugs of the same generic name may differ in terms of therapeutic efficacy and safety. Only the physician and dentist, who have the experience and the expertise to recognize the clinical responses of success, treatment, failure, or idiosyncratic manifestation of drugs and drug interactions, have the competence to recognize the same in his or her patient.

The government must also strengthen the capability of the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) to ensure strict compliance with the standards of safety, efficacy, and quality of pharmaceutical products. This is a prerequisite to the success of the Cheaper Medicine Bill. Hence, BFAD must be provided enough resources to ensure that its operations are at par with international standards.

Available data shows that not all drugstores are manned by or are under the licensed pharmacists' direct operational supervision and control. Delegating the power of discretion on drug selection to the salesperson with no or limited knowledge of drugs and their interaction, poses and creates danger to public health and safety. Any weakness on the part of BFAD in performing its mandate to supervise and regulate medicines while transferring discretion on drug selection from the physician and dentist to the drugstore salesperson could spell disaster to the safety of Filipino consumers. Public safety is, and should be, non-negotiable.

Only physicians and dentists are accountable legally, morally, and ethically for the success or failure of their treatment. Hence, while we, the Philippine Medical Association and Philippine Dental Association, support the two proposed legislative measures to lower the prices of medicine, we oppose in strongest terms the Amendment of Section 6 of the Generics Act. The amendment is a great disservice to the Filipino people.

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The Philippine Medical Association is the umbrella organization of the medical profession in our country with 118 Component Societies under the 17 regions, 8 Specialty Divisions, 55 Specialty Societies, and 37 Affiliate Societies.

San Miguel to issue response upon receipt of Palace EO

Weary feet, happy faces; now, hard part begins



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Hard part begins: 4-step process to take many months

GMA rating slips some more despite Erap pardon

BI exceeds '07 target

PAF officer shoots aide over drinks in Basilan

By Tarra Quismundo

A PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE OFFICER SENT to Mindanao to lead the PAF's humanitarian efforts in Basilan is under military custody after he fatally shot his right-hand man.

Lt. Col. Arturo Apud, 54, is confined to quarters at the 3rd Air Division in Zamboanga City for the shooting of his assistant, Capt. Jesus Fernandez, 44, on Saturday.

"Unfortunately, they had a misunderstanding, they had an exchange. These things are not supposed to happen but it's unfortunate," said PAF chief Lt. Gen. Horacio Tolentino, who was reached by phone while visiting airmen in Palawan yesterday.

Lt. Col. Epifanio Panzo Jr., Air Force spokesperson, said Apud headed the PAF engineering brigade based at the 355th Aviation Engineering Wing in Pampanga that was sent to Basilan to undertake public works projects as part of the government's humanitarian efforts alongside the continuing combat operations in the South.

Citing an initial field report, Panzo said Apud and Fernandez had a heated argument while having drinks in their barracks in Sumisip, Basilan, at around 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 15.

"They dared each other... they both drew their guns, but Fernandez was beaten to the draw," Panzo said.

Fernandez suffered bullet wounds in the body from Apud's M-16 rifle. His remains will be airlifted to Manila on a C-130, Panzo said.

"We'll have to investigate further to determine what really happened. [Apud's liability] will depend on the circumstances," Tolentino said.

He said Apud may be transferred to the Villamor Air Base stockade in Pasay City while the shooting is being investigated.

Despite the incident, the PAF's engineering projects in Basilan will continue as planned, Tolentino said.

Carolino, former Army officer; 80

COL. JEREMIAS "JIMMY" CAROLINO, FORmer director of Century Bank and the Philippine National Bank remittance center in the United States, died on Sept. 30 in Glendale, California, at the age of 80, his family has announced.

Carolino, of Paete, Laguna, graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1951 and was a member of the Corps of Engineers of the Philippine Army.

His widow Adoracion said a memorial service was held for Carolino at the Burbank First United Methodist Church followed by the rendering of military honors by members of the Philippine Military Academy Association, Southern California chapter, headed by Cavalier Pete Cruz.

The flag that draped Carolino's casket was handed to his widow by Commodore Ramon Alcaraz.

Carolino is also survived by his sons Armand, Arnel, Arthur and Arcelino; daughters-in-law Beth Bailon, Linda San Miguel, Tina Briones and Annabelle Canos, and grandchildren Mark, Allan, Cristina, Adriel, Agean, Byron, Jeremy and Angeleah.

He served in the Korean War in 1952-54. Later, he worked on the construction of the Manila North Diversion Road (now the Northern Luzon Expressway). In 1972, then President Ferdinand Marcos appointed him general manager of the Food Terminal Inc. At the same time, he was appointed to the Asian Center for Development Administration, a United Nations agency based in Malaysia.

Jobless rate down in '07, says survey

By Michelle V. Remo

THE JOBLESS RATE DROPPED TO 6.3 PERcent of the labor force in October from 7.3 percent in the same month last year, in what the government said was a natural consequence of a robustly growing economy.

Based on the Labor Force Survey released yesterday by the National Statistics Office, there were some 2,261,700 unemployed persons in October out of a total labor force of 35.9 million, or 6.3 percent of all workers.

Conversely, the number of employed persons was 33,638,300 for an employment rate of 93.7 percent.

Myrna Asuncion, head of the National Economic and Development Authority policy and planning department, said the drop in the unemployment rate meant there was an increase in the number of people generating income. This supported the earlier report on the growth of the Philippine economy that beat most forecasts, she said.

Economic indicator

"More people are now earning income. This is a reflection of the economy's performance," Asuncion said in an interview.

The economy, as measured by the gross domestic product (GDP), grew by 7.1 percent year-on-year in the first three quarters of 2007. This has kept the economy on track to surpass the official growth target rate of between 6.1 and 6.7 percent for the entire year.

The GDP, the most common yardstick of a country's economic performance, is the sum of all goods produced and services rendered within an economy during a period.

The NSO said nearly half, or 48.8 percent, of all employed persons in October belonged to the services sector. The sector, which recorded the fastest growth among key sectors of the economy so far this year, includes the booming business process outsourcing (BPO) industry which counts call centers.

The latest data showed the services sector, boosted by the income generated by the BPO industry, grew 8.2 percent year-on-year from January to September this year, up greatly from the 6.1 percent recorded in the same period last year.

Agri sector

The agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector grew by 4.6 percent from January to September, while the industry sector (which includes manufacturing and mining) grew by 6.8 percent.

The NSO said that of the employed persons in October, 35.1 percent were part-time workers while the larger 64.9-percent share were full-time workers. Full-time workers are those who work at least 40 hours a week.

Employed persons looking for additional work are considered underemployed, according to the NSO. In October, the agency said, 18.1 percent of the labor force were underemployed.

Asuncion said the government had generated about 800,000 new jobs so far this year, still short of the target of 1 million jobs annually.

She said the government would work on meeting the million jobs a year target in 2008.

The government expects the economy to grow between 6.3 and 7 percent next year.

Asuncion said the government hopes this would translate to 1 million new jobs next year.

She said that if the growth would be in labor-intensive sectors, such as construction and manufacturing, the target of 1 million new jobs would be attainable.

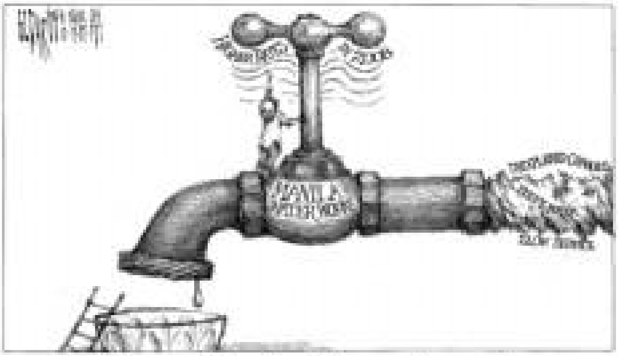
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Villar and Garcia: Dismantle cartels

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COMMENTARY

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Chao Phrya

Keep an eye on your daughters

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

Foundation of a long relationship

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

Insensitive representatives

LETTERS

Public auction held without prior notice

Alston also critical of non-state actors

Clergy scored for lack of activism

Congress urged to pass Cheaper Medicines Bill

Across the NATION
Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

Chopper rented by US Army shot at

By Julie Alipala Inquirer Mindanao and Nikko Dizon in Manila

ONE PERSON WAS WOUNDED WHEN A HELIcopter supplying US military advisers in Mindanao was fired on, the US Embassy said yesterday.



TEST OF TIME
A house in Pila, Laguna is kept in its almost original state in a town that treasures its heritage structures.

Native huts pushed as alternative classrooms

By Delmar Cariño
Inquirer Northern Luzon

Mayor won't yield son to lawmen enforcing custody ruling

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

Bersamin slay recalled a year after in Abra

By Frank Cimatu
Inquirer Northern Luzon



ABRA GOV. Eustaquio "Takit" Bersamin carries one of the cocks which he jointly bred with his slain brother Abra Rep. Luis "Chito" Bersamin. The Bersamin brothers are known cock breeders.

Inhibition of poll exec in Batangas case sought

THE LEGAL COUNSEL OF BATANGAS VICE Gov. Mark Leviste yesterday sought the disqualification or voluntary inhibition of newly appointed Commission on Elections Commissioner Moslemen T. Macarambon from the Comelec division hearing the petition of his rival, Edwin Ermita, son of Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita.

In a motion to disqualify or inhibit Macarambon received by the Comelec last Dec. 11, the Leviste camp claimed that Macarambon, who is yet to be confirmed by the Commission on Appointments, will have to be extended another ad interim appointment by Malacañang, where Ermita's father is the Executive Secretary, [illegible]

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Leviste won in the last elections with a lead of more than 10,000 votes over [illegible]

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Official Comelec results showed that Leviste got [illegible]

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Nur aide named security exec

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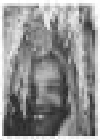
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INQUIRER Northern Luzon



'Still an awesome landscape in Ifugao'

"Just looking at the rice terraces energizes and inspires you"



ALTHOUGH THE CENTURIES-old rice terraces of Ifugao have been included in the list of endangered World Heritage sites, these hallmarks of Ifugao industry, craftsmanship and indigenous knowledge, remain an awesome landscape.

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Everlasting to restore old Baguio charm

By Vincent Cabreza
Baguio City

MEMORIES OF couples walking through Baguio City's foggy evenings back to the 1970s are slowly fading, and with them the charm of a more sophisticated summer capital.

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Photographer returns to first love for healing

By Tonette Orejas
Angeles City

SIMPLE LA MU (They are only simple). Nothing spectacular about them.

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Newsbriefs

Sayyaf frees 2 captives

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Youth poll recount ordered

Gov gives cash gifts



GMA 7 says it's 'equally interested' in AGB Nielsen case

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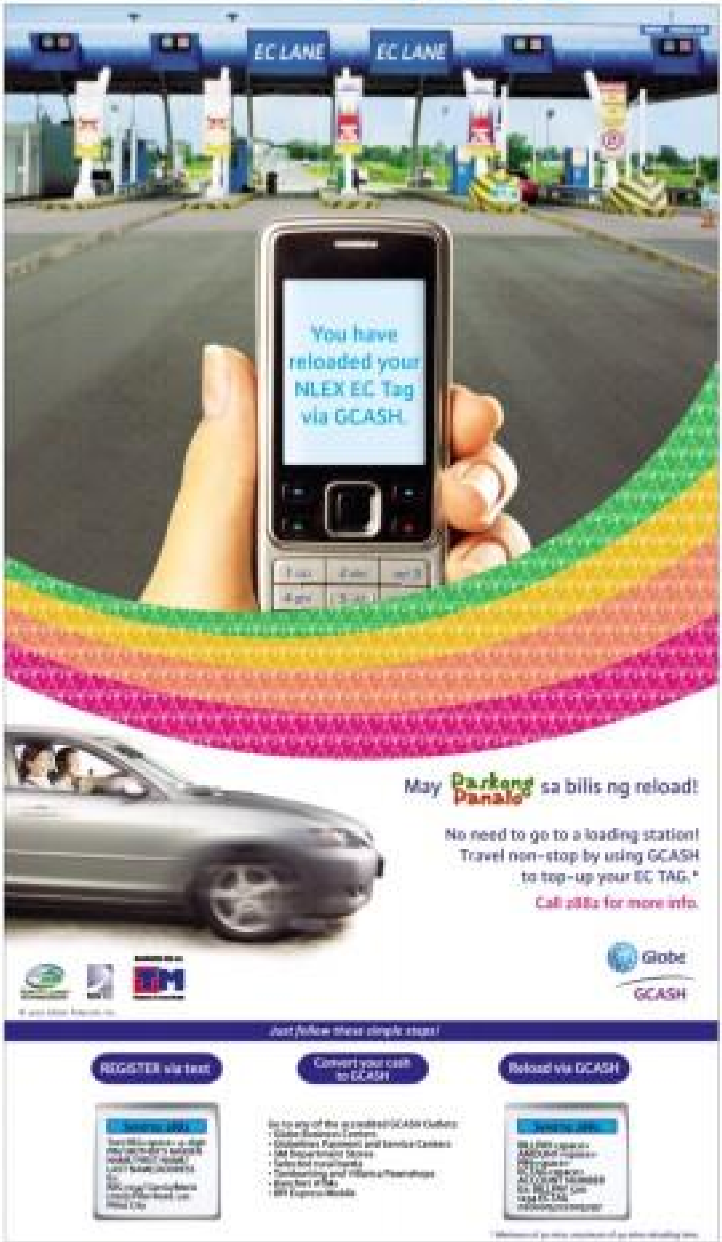


PNP postpones release of Glorietta 2 blast report



Property bust? Lunar land prices are rocketing

News



House OKs cheaper meds bill

A PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE has accused the United States Trade Representative's office here of attempting to influence the deliberations on the Cheaper Medicines Bill in the interest of transnational pharmaceutical companies, many of them US-based.

Transco: Done deal—Miriam



A plus METRO



GIANT TREE, GLITTERY LIGHTS

Bunevacz seeks help from NBI

Ex-decathlete says partners hurt him

FORMER DECATHLETE DAVID BUNEVACZ HAS filed a complaint for physical injuries against four of his business associates whom he accused of manhandling him.

4 Korean traders in hot water for unpaid bar bills

DID YOU KNOW

Inventory of Pasig City ballot boxes underway

Woman in alleged title scam charged

MetroBriefs

Vendor against vendor: 1 dead

Suspected car thief arrested

Ex-NBI confidential agent, 2 others charged

The WORLD

Donors pledge $7.4 B for Palestinians

PARIS—INTERNATIONAL DONORS PLEDGED $7.4 billion to the Palestinians on Monday at a conference described by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as the "last hope" to save their government from bankruptcy.





Castro says he won't cling to office



CASTRO

Giant rat, tiny possum discovered in Indonesia

WorldBriefs

Test missile shot down

Mob arrests

Protests vs China

Troop incursion

Norway plans 1st shipping tunnel




COMMUNICATIONS
FROM LAND, NOW TO AIR AND SEA, THE LEADER CONQUERS ALL THREE.
SMART, the Filipino's biggest mobile network to the world gives you another innovation–Inflight and Coastline Roaming.
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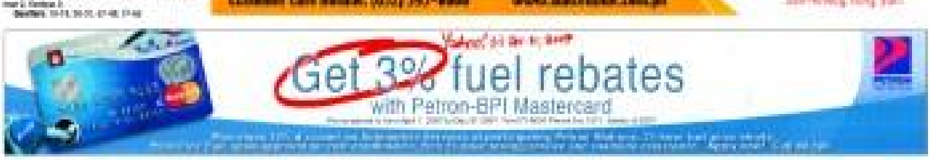


San Mig makes s'finals

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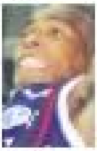


Aces, Realtors collide; Pals battle Express



Air21 acquires Espinas; Carey Cardona fined, suspended

By June Navarro



ESPINAS



PACQUIAO

Pacquiao slight favorite over Marquez

By Roy Luarca



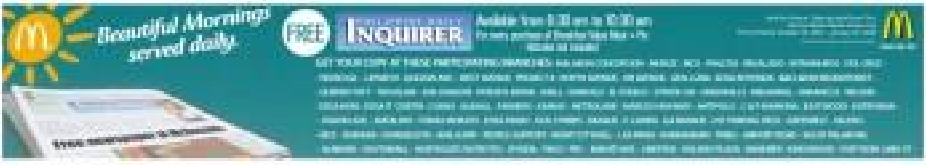
Cebu, Manila batters begin title showdown

MCC chess team tourney slated

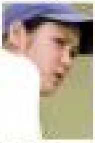
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Makati derby Round 4 on

'Rambulan' finals get going


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La Salle-Ateneo golf duel fires off today





Cavs gun down Bucks on James' milestone



Dimakiling shares third round lead



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Gov't posts record budget surplus of ₱54.1B



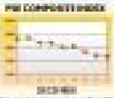
TEVES

₱90B from privatization covers collection shortfall

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT posted its highest ever budget surplus of ₱54.1 billion in November, aided by

'Pocket open skies' pushed





Stocks down on US worries

Fil-Estate Land rights offering gets PSE nod

Cebu Pacific buys more aircraft

'Pocket open skies' pushed

Stocks ...



PRICE MONITORING

Costs of goods remain stable in run-up to holidays

By Ronnel W. Domingo and Amy R. Remo

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GSIS: Punish the villain, not the victim

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Winston F. Garcia



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BSP sees trade deficit widening to $9.6B in 2008

Cites possible weakening of US economy, high oil prices





Gov't reviews tax collection targets

Custom's goal seen reduced while that of BIR might be raised

Peso slides to 41.98:$1

Rapu Rapu group to file for rehab

Napocor rates to go down

Coconut export receipts up 44.8%

Gokongwei firm expands BPO facilities



Filinvest sets aside ₱22B for projects

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Costs of goods ...

A celebration of peace

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Celebrating peace in Davao

Sustaining peace

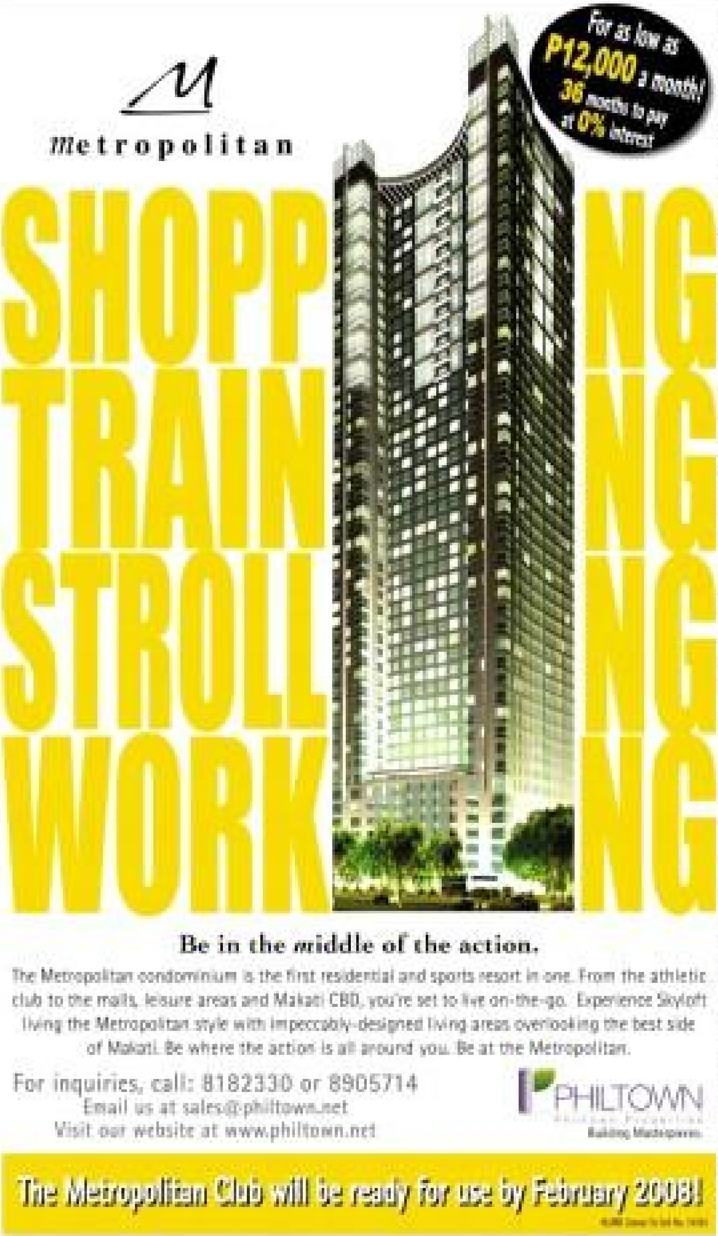
Business

Grid concessionaire told to retain composition

PSALM bars winning Transco bidder from changing setup of consortium

Gov't considers additional cuts in foreign loans

Filipino artists get to make a dent on GDP



MOTORING

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Editor Cesar D. Mangawang

10 things to consider if you're giving a car this Christmas

By Tessa R. Salazar

WOW! HOW WE ENVY the recipient of your million-peso gift! If you are parting with some hard-earned moolah, then we're sure this gift is truly straight from the heart and not just from the hip pocket.

Though the intention is heartfelt, the buying decision must be dictated by the mind. So before opening your purse or writing anything down on your checkbook, read on.

1 **Treat the glossy advertisements as tempting eye candy.** They may lull you into a fantasy world where everything is perfect for you. Consumer Reports magazine, for instance, has cited one key mistake of impulse buyers: Falling unreasonably in love with a single vehicle model, which would most likely blind you from other options that may be better for your needs.

When this happens, you tend to throw caution to the winds—skip the test-drive, focus only on the monthly payment when negotiating, buying the "deal" instead of the vehicle, and forgetting about doing more research on your prospective vehicle.

2 **Drive, drive, drive is first.** It's a must. Test-drive the prospective vehicle. Word of mouth is good, but you can't ride on good feedback. Take at least 30 minutes to conduct a complete test-drive and perform a thorough walk-around of any vehicle you're considering, as Consumer Reports has advised.

Car experts always stress: go to the highway and listen for unusual noises and feel the suspension. Test the shifters; they should play smoothly in case it's an automatic transmission, or they should not kick suddenly if you're on a manual transmission. Check the blind spot and the turning radius when turning, parking or backing. Find a safe area to test the brakes, depending on how far the pedal travels. The feel of the brakes should inspire confidence that the vehicle will stop in a relatively short distance. Getting the car suited for your passenger's needs, his/her driving habits and his environment may actually do his/her a better next trip to the auto mechanic.

Mandy Edogon, Automobile Association Philippines director, said whether the car is "new or used, the biggest mistake of a customer in buying a car is not test-driving it." Herman Lim, SpeedLab shop owner and Top Gear Philippines' technical editor, stressed that one should never buy a car without test-driving it.

3 **Start researching before buying.** This includes looking at reputable local automotive online Websites that are community-oriented, asking a reliable car buff or a neighbor on the same car model that he or she has and then, you can't stress this enough: actually taking your future car out for a spin—and not just a spin around the block but an actual extended test-drive.

Edogon said: "The buyer must research on what has been the experience on a car, especially reliability and service records." Edogon recommends buyers to read Consumer Reports and other reputable car magazines.

And as reported by the Inquirer Motoring during last year's "10 ways to prevent auto repair nightmares": When in doubt with local or foreign car reviews, do your own research and consult a trusted and knowledgeable car mechanic. Look beyond the styling of a car and pay attention to details (especially at the heart and soul of the car or engine bay).

4 **Check the cost of maintenance.** Ask for the warranty services, prepare a list of the common parts being replaced for the first three years, and ask for the prices of these parts. Compare these side by side with competitor cars. With your trusted and knowledgeable mechanic, have them compared with the differences in the quality of the parts as well as the prices.

UP Prof. Edwin H. Quiros, a mechanical engineer, added that availability of parts, safety and resale value should also be considered.

"It might be worth to stretch the budget a certain amount if you are going to get a much better car, thus better value for money," Lim said.

5 "If the vehicle you're eyeing is used, **have a mechanic go over the car and check the car's registration papers with the LTO before paying,**" Edogon advised.

6 Are you closed to other options? Don't be, Lim urges. It's a common mistake and one of the most frequent regrets of car buyers. **Always keep your options open until the actual sale.**

7 **Pay attention to warranties when buying a car.** In an interview with the DTI consumer assistance and protection center last year, it was learned that a lot of people who bought brand-new cars didn't pay much attention to the terms of warranty and the conflicts arising from this situation. Some car owners demanded replacements right away, but since they had signed the terms of the warranty, their arguments went all for naught. As DTI pronounced, "If you don't agree to the terms of warranty, don't buy it. You bought it, signed it, that means you agree to it."

8 "**Many Filipinos don't read what they sign,**" according to the DTI consumer assistance and protection center. "This careless habit of signing everything away leads to so many unresolved complaints."

9 Knowledge is power, so **know as much as there is to know about the product** before buying it, not after buying it.

10 And as the DTI consumer assistance advised: **Get your own copy of your consumer rights and responsibilities.** DTI consumer assistance said the best entity that would actually protect your rights is yourself. The DTI consumer hotline is 811-8231, or e-mail complaints to dtiinfo@dti.gov.ph. Get an online copy of the Consumer Act of the Philippines or Republic Act 7394.



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Alterations

Research

Liking what you drive





The best-selling passenger car of 2007

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Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



Winning combination

Changes

More room

Volume



Inquirer reporter wins in Ford Awards

By Charles E. Buban



THE NEW Alterra provides more comfortable ride for its occupants.

Isuzu's Alterra upgrades for the holiday season

By Charles E. Buban

FOR A LOT OF FILIPINO motorists, nothing beats a comfortable cabin whose amenities are much appreciated during long drives or while caught in a traffic jam.

Hands-free cellphone use

Keyless entry

TRANSPORT TRIVIA

By Eleanor Cruz

Envirofit's retrofitting





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LIFESTYLE

2bU! Christmas scrapbook



Let the spirit of the season take over! Enjoy this collection of the best Yuletide memories in photographs, essays, journal entries, poems, stories from the staff of 2bU!, our friends and our readers!

Christmas is where the heart is



EXPERIENCING a "white Christmas" isn't always so fun. Author and friend freezing outside Schloss Nymphenburg



THE AUTHOR with her family at home after opening their presents

Text and photos by Cheryl Yu
2bU! Correspondent

It does not matter where you are. What's important is who you're with

I LOVE CHRISTMAS. It is my favorite celebration of the year. I love how the city lights up with pretty decor, how Christmas carols echo loudly throughout shopping malls, and how various establishments have Christmas trees and Nativity sets on display to honor the birth of Christ.

Every year, my holidays are spent with my family in Manila. Our Christmas tree is up on the first day of December. We hang lights and wreaths around our living room, play Christmas songs on our radio and join in on the Christmas shopping rush to buy presents for family and friends.

On Dec. 24, the Yu clan gathers at my Auntie Linda's house for our annual Christmas Eve dinner. She prepares the most scrumptious fare every year, which we all devour in no time. Before midnight, we head home to open our presents under the tree.

On Christmas Day, my family wakes up early to go to Mass. We spend lunch with my mother's side, the Mandy Dy's, at a Chinese restaurant. In the evening, the seven of us in my immediate family dine together at home or in a restaurant. This is one Christmas tradition each year and it is one that I truly enjoy.

White Christmas

I have to admit though that I have always dreamed of a white Christmas. Ever since I was young, I had always wondered what it was like to spend Christmas overseas, particularly at a destination draped in snow, where I could throw snowballs and make snow angels.

Last 2005, it happened.

After my exchange program semester in Angers, France, I decided to spend the holidays in the continent with my friends, Aimee and Barbie, before going home to Manila.

I had planned a similar two-week itinerary where we'd hop through seven cities beginning from Paris going

continued on a



WITH travel buddies Aimee and Barbie, making the most of exploring a pretty city snowing on Christmas day



THE Yu cousins at their annual Christmas Eve dinner in 2006

Rediscovering Christmas



Why could not I shake off the feeling that something was missing?

Envelopmental gift-giving

Dedication

I have learned to associate red envelopes with my grandma



Five pathetic things I associate with Christmas



Family fun and games

All the lonely people

Lonely Christmas

Christmas is ...

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through Budapest and ending in Amsterdam.

For Christmas, it was the city of Strasbourg that beckoned us. I had read both online and in my Lonely Planet that it was a joyous city to spend Christmas in since it had a lot of Christmas markets and festivities. We were excited.

Disappointed

The three of us agreed we wanted our Christmas Eve dinner to be special. We wanted to spend it in a nice fancy restaurant where we could dress up a little bit and splurge on dishes we normally wouldn't on any other day.

The first French restaurant I called, which was highly recommended by my book, said it was closed for Christmas. Too bad, I was really looking forward to their foie gras, but it was okay. I still had five more to go.

I rang up the next French restaurant and it gave me the same answer. So did the third, the fourth, and the fifth!

By then, we were getting worried. We did not want to spend our Christmas Eve picking out of canned goods in our hostel rooms. The last recommended restaurant on my list was a Lebanese one, Au Cedre. I tried it, and fortunately after that phone call—yes, they were open!

Not so white, after all

When we got to Strasbourg on Christmas Eve, we were greeted with darkness. Everything—including the Christmas markets—was closed. Public transportation had ceased running so we had to walk to the restaurant which, luckily, was only 20 minutes away.

It was not snowing but it had just rained, therefore it was very cold, black... and sad. Aside from the three of us, there seemed to be nobody else on the streets of Strasbourg. Christmas lights that dangled from the closed shopping streets, balconies and restaurants seemed to be our only glimmer of hope.

At least the restaurant managed to lift our spirits. Its colorful interiors and bright lights put smiles back on our faces. I had a hearty dinner of sliced beef shawarma, spinach stuffed pastries, grilled lamb cutlets, Lebanese flan with rose petals and pistachios, which I enjoyed with a carafe of Lebanese wine. It was a delightful meal and I was thankful to be in the company of two of my closest friends.

On Christmas day, we ambled along the streets of Strasbourg and used it as an opportunity to sight-see. The Christmas markets opened that afternoon and we shopped for souvenirs while munching gingerbread cookies and sipping vin chaud (hot wine). We went to Mass at the city's famous pink sandstone cathedral, Cathedrale Notre-Dame de Strasbourg, and walked around until we chanced upon the city's main Christmas tree on Place Kleber.

We then called it a night and rushed to our hostel, missing our families back home.

My "white" Christmas came the day after in Munich, Germany. The entire city was drenched in snow and I realized it was... not so fun. The snowflakes that always looked so pretty on Christmas cards actually felt like pellets shooting at my eyes and forehead. It was annoying. I was freezing cold despite the layers of jackets and thermal clothing I had on. It wasn't a surprise then that I was diagnosed with fever that night.

True Christmas spirit

It was only after that experience when I realized the true spirit of Christmas belongs to being at home with your family and loved ones. Even if you're in the most exotic or gorgeous city in the world, it is being home with the family that still gives you a warm and tingly sensation in your heart.

From my white Christmas experience made me thankful I had a 'sunny' Christmas to look forward to in Manila every year.

I love traveling and I've always wished to live in various cities around the world. But for Christmas, there's nowhere I'd rather be but home with my family.

E-mail the author at [illegible]



CHRISTMAS Eve in Strasbourg in 2005. Everything was closed save for the Christmas lights.

The Great Christmas Filling



Sparkling Holidays at Dusit Hotel Nikko





Cantonese celebration at Li Li brings HK to RP



SushiYa's party packages



Join the Holiday Fun at Kalye Juan!



Food delights for gatherings this Christmas



DEC. 24 PLATTER



SEAFOOD ESPADA COMBINATION

A Christmas (Ham) Story



CRAB VONGOLE

Old-style cheese from modern facilities





Seeing the best in people

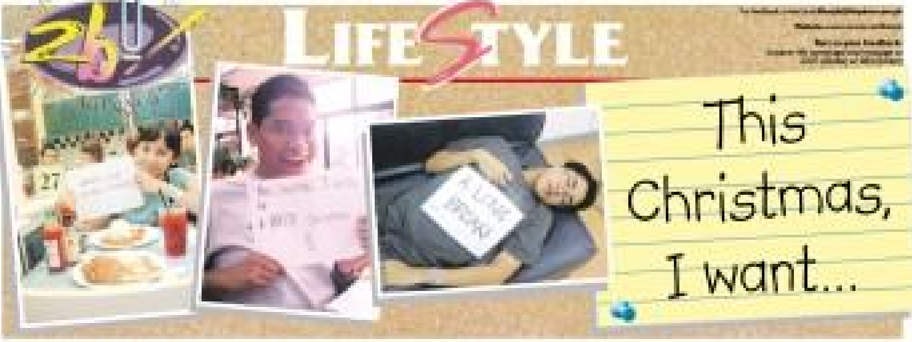
It was one of the hardest times in our family as my father went through intensive care a week before Christmas







LIFESTYLE





Christmas in Cubao

For a few nights back when we were kids, we sat on the shoulders of our fathers, and we felt the spirit of the season

Bright reasons

Glorious sight

Missing something



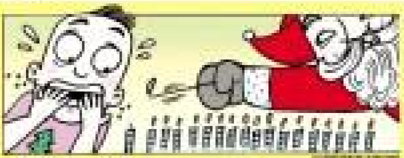


This Christmas, I want...

2bU! asked readers what they ache for so much this Christmas







Finally growing up this CHRISTMAS

I WOULD START COUNTING the days before Christmas once September came, and I would make it a point to update people of the count whenever I could. Back in high school, I would write the countdown in our classroom's chalkboard and our student publication office's white board. Even if people said it was too early to be counting and that I was just too excited, I'd still update the numbers everyday.

I will turn 18 three days after Christmas. The thought is killing me

How much you've grown



Fearing tinsel and holly

Text and photos by Ryan Fernandez



AUTHOR (left) spending Christmas in New York





Recycled decor



WE CAN MAKE CHRISTmas decor out of discarded stuff. Here are some of the decorations we made for our office.





Great Christmas, deal or no deal

Family presentations add to the fun of our clan reunions

FOR THREE YEARS now, our clan has been celebrating the annual Christmas reunion with a contest. On Christmas eve, all of my relatives from the province gather at my grandmother's house to celebrate Christmas.

Magic show

Game show



Simple, painful holidays

ROBIN WILLIAMS' CHARACTER in "One Hour Photo" said something to this effect: "We usually photograph only the happy moments in our lives and leave the sad ones."

> No other grand party or expensive gift can really match the satisfaction of being with one's family



21-year-old Rafael Banzuela III sent in this Christmas artwork, saying, "This is something I did back in 2006 when I was into cyborgs. The child in the 'Pagsabit ng Parol' is not the Terminator type, but someone more melancholic and frail. A robot, but still human."

LIFE ST 2BU "To be you"

In the case of the Walkman phones, style and substance aren't exclusive of each other



Make sweet music this Christmas



Win a Sony Ericsson Walkman phone!

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A diario-novela by CARLO J. CAPARAS

To have and to hold

Art: ARNEL A. AVETRIA



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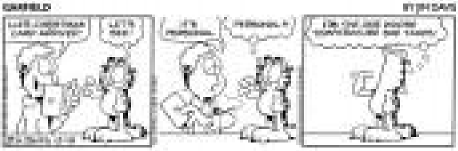


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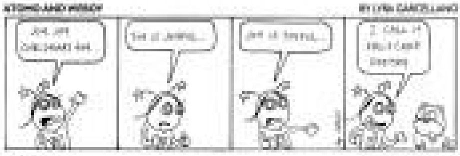


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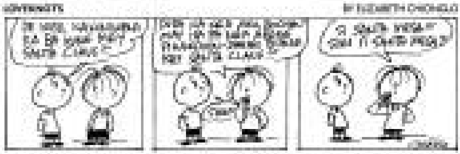
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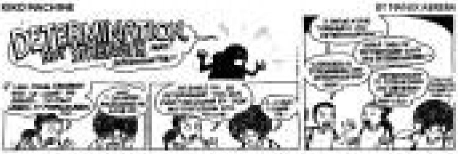
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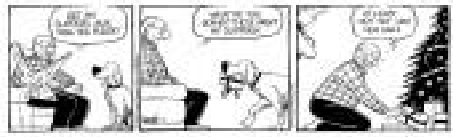


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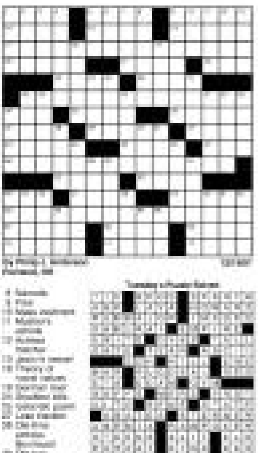


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BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD



HOROSCOPE

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Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle





VIRGIN coconut oil produced and sold in The Farm.



LEFT: The Farm at San Benito. Right: Healthy food means a healthy lifestyle.



Password
Serena Gelb

Natural beverage and natural health

The Farm in San Benito has developed its own set of health juices

LAST WEEKEND, I VISITED the Farm in San Benito. It is a beautiful oasis of lush greenery in Lipa City Batangas.

It's not too far away — a little less than a two-hour drive from Manila (depending on the unpredictable traffic, of course). It has large grounds to explore or jog on, a lovely spa with excellent, well-trained (and strong) therapists, a clinic (that offers treatments of blood analysis, colonics, etc); and an extremely healthy 100-percent vegan restaurant.

Some people feel like they have to travel across the seas to Hawaii or Bali to get away from the smog of the big city. But, actually, you will get the same experience in The Farm. It's clean, green and serene! There's no pollution and your lungs can just breathe.

"You cannot get any closer to Eden than this," said one of the Farm's many guests. The motto over there is "Let food be your medicine and medicine be your food." One great thing about the food there is that 85-percent of it is "live" or raw.

Raw foods, according to chef Napoleon Arriola, contain enzymes that cooked foods do not.

Enzymes are crucial catalysts for every bodily function and are present in a perfect balance in all raw foods provided by nature.

Enzymes are destroyed by heating foods above 42°, Arriola added. He shared with me some delightful recipes and tips for a healthier lifestyle.

Everything that comes out of their kitchen is not only healthy, it's also extremely delicious. And the setting is breathtaking; there is an open-air venue, overlooking the green canopy of a tropical rainforest.

"It's an experience that you have to taste to believe," a guest said.

Green Juice

Their signature drink, the "Green Juice", is a blend of fresh greens and fruits, and is extremely healthy.

The green color may not appeal to everyone's eyes, and at first it may take some willpower to gulp it down, but the drink is quite yummy. If you're in the mood for a health shake that is a little more fun, try one of the simple and easy recipes below!

Every morning for breakfast, I would start with muesli (oats) topped with fruit and yogurt and accompany it with their "Chocolate Madness". It's like a healthy chocolate milkshake.

All you need are some bananas, nut milk (such as almond milk, or even soy milk — you can buy them at Healthy Options in Serendra or other locations), carob, cinnamon, buko meat, some chocolate cream and a bit of salt. It's very easy to make, since you just put all of the ingredients in a blender and blend thoroughly.

1 pc banana
½ c nut milk (e.g. almond)
1 tsp carob (optional)
¼ tsp cinnamon
½ c buko meat
½ tbsp honey
1 tbsp chocolate powder (unsweetened)
Pinch of salt (optional for additional electrolytes)

Exotica

Another favorite of mine is called "Exotica." With pineapple, buko juice, bananas and honey, it really has the taste of the tropics all mixed into a frosty shake!

1 slice pineapple
½ c buko juice
½ pc mango
1 pc banana
½ pc pear or apple (optional)
½ tbsp honey
1 tbsp lime juice
Pinch of salt (optional)

(Again, make sure you blend all of the ingredients thoroughly.)

Pop quiz! What is the iconic symbol in the tropical archipelago of the Philippines?

Palm trees and coconuts of course (or buko as we Filipinos call them)!

Buko juice with tender buko meat is tasty, refreshing and nutritious. It is a staple in my diet. In fact, Virgin Coconut Oil (which The Farm uses in its cooking, massage oil and facial products) is acclaimed by some as the healthiest food product in the world.

Even my American dad says "A buko a day keeps the doctor away!" Nothing quenches one's thirst more than a fresh buko drink, and it is possibly one of the easiest shakes to make. All you need is a buko, lime, honey and salt.

Buko Shake

½ c buko meat
¾ c buko juice
1 tbsp lime
½ tbsp honey (optional)
Pinch of salt (optional)

All of the above drinks will leave you cooled and refreshed on any hot, muggy Manila day and are fun and easy to make. So, what are you waiting for?

Visit http://thefarm.com.ph

E-mail the author at [illegible]@gmail.com

Make sweet music this Christmas







Go! and Bag It!



Santa's alive!

By Bianca Consunji
2BU Correspondent

> He might have stopped leaving gifts under the tree, but he left an infinitely better legacy—one that has lasted long after the sleek chrome trucks and pink-cheeked dolls lost their splendor



IF I HAD BEEN A BOY, I probably would've gotten into a fistfight back in the fourth grade.

Best handwriting

Sad Christmas

Molly, my twin



Molly may just be a teddy bear, but I don't know how I could have survived deaths, adolescence, taxes without the calm she's given me



17 YEARS later

Best pal

Santa's alive

Youthful revelry

Party for all ages

When lolo's real age was finally established, the family gathered for a reunion to celebrate age, wisdom and life



FOUR generations in their first family-reunion photo





BIRTHDAY cake with the right digits.

Biggest reunion





CREATIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Nothing new

I've realized that even if we celebrate Christmas the same way every year, it's really the family that matters



ENTERTAINMENT

INSIDE

■ Nobody knew Ace Vergel had a heart ailment, except his son/ H4

S'porean is first 'Asian Idol'

But Pinoys still consider Mau Marcelo a winner

By [illegible]
Photo courtesy of [illegible]

SINGAPOREAN Hady Mirza's "Asian Idol" win on Sunday night has been described as a "surprise" or "upset" victory.

The 27-year-old bested five other "Idols" from around the region, including Filipino Mau Marcelo, in the singing tilt held in Jakarta.

Apart from bragging rights as the first Asian Idol, Mirza won a [illegible]



HADY MIRZA

[illegible] He told Channel News Asia on Monday: "Winning was never on my mind ... especially since I was up against contestants with better vocal (skills). I just wanted to do Singapore proud."

During performance night on Saturday, judge [illegible] of Malaysia put Mirza to task for his [illegible] performance. In contrast, Marcelo was praised by the judges ... [illegible]

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SPOREAN G4

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'Sakal, Sakali, Saklolo'
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1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
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1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 MARTIAN CHILD
3 GRINDHOUSE: DEATH PROOF
4 ELIZABETH: GOLDEN AGE

STA. ROSA

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 BALLS OF FURY
3 THE KINGDOM
4 BATANES

LIPA

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 THE KINGDOM
3 FRED CLAUS
4 BALLS OF FURY
5 SUPERBAD

DASMARINAS

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 RENDITION / BOOGEYMAN 2
3 GHOST SON
4 BATANES

IMUS

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 GHOST SON
3 RENDITION
4 BATANES

ANGELES

1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
2 THE NANNY DIARIES
3 GHOST SON
4 GREEN PARADISE

TARLAC

1 HITMAN
2 FRED CLAUS / THE GOLDEN COMPASS
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1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
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1 THE GOLDEN COMPASS
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6 GREEN PROMISES



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Romantic drama highlights equipoise between man and nature

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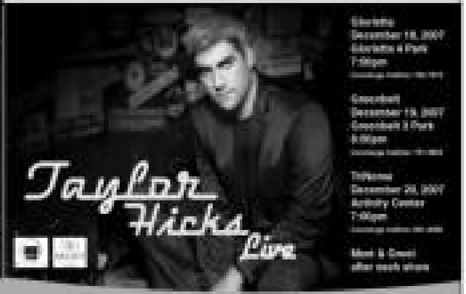
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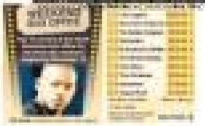
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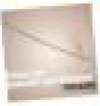


ENTERTAINMENT





Mozzie goes schizo-phonic



DID YOU KNOW...

Celine Dion bids Caesars adieu



'Pinoy Classic Rockers' sets free concerts in La Union

THE WEB-BASED ORGANIZATION PINOY Classic Rockers (PCR) celebrates its sixth anniversary with a free two-day concert on Jan. 25-26 at the San Juan Surf Camp in San Juan, La Union.

Some 20 bands—among them Holdup, Bits and Pieces, Ozone Fire, Juliet, Electromancers, ..., Moonwalk, Sanctuary, ... Charlie Jr. Chicks Band, Holy Band, Kulu-Kulu, Joey "Pepe" Smith and Friends—are slated to perform.

PCR was formed on the Internet (PinoyClassicRock.com) in January 2002 for Pinoy band members from the 1960s to the '70s now living in different parts of the world to catch up with each other and hold reunions to play the music of their respective eras. Call tel. (0920-890-3287 or e-mail: [illegible]@pinoyclassicrock.com.






TAYLOR Hicks

Gary V at Eastwood

Eastwood City presents Gary Valenciano in concert, Dec. 21; Kuh Ledesma, Dec. 22; Side A, Dec. 28; and Regine Velasquez, Dec. 29.

All shows start at 8 p.m. at the Eastwood Central Plaza, Libis, Quezon City. Call 687-[illegible] or (0917) [illegible]-2468.

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Tonight

[illegible] 8 p.m., [illegible], Makati. Call [illegible].

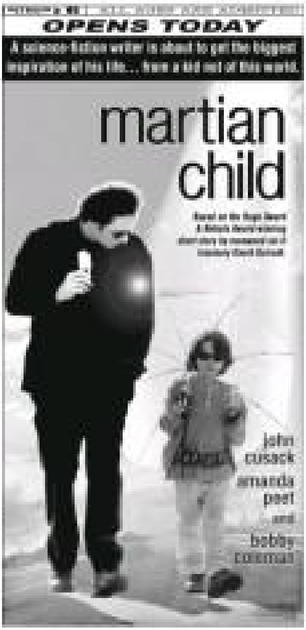
Taylor Hicks, 8 p.m., Greenbelt 3 Park, Makati.

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Taylor Hicks, 7 p.m., TriNoma Activity Center, Quezon City.









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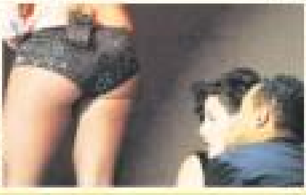


Stars volunteer for holiday stints in soup kitchens

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